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SUBJECT: PAYMENT FOR USE OF ENTEBBE FACILITIES

REF: (A) STATE 254704; (B) STATE 186396

1. IN RESPONSE TO PARA 5 OF REFTTEL, POST BELIEVES THAT LIKELY GOU RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM EITHER THE U.S. OR THE UN TO WAIVE ALL LANDING AND RELATED FEES RESULTING FROM U.S. PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION SUPPORT HOPE WOULD BE EXTREMELY NEGATIVE, AND POST WOULD NOT/NOT RECOMMEND THIS COURSE OF ACTION.

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2. AS DEPARTMENT IS ALREADY AWARE, THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA DID NOT PAUSE TO DICKER WHEN WE ASKED TO STAGE RELIEF OPERATIONS OUT OF ENTEBBE. APPROVAL OF OUR REQUEST WAS IMMEDIATE, AND COOPERATION THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION WAS EXCELLENT. THE VOLUME OF AIR TRAFFIC AT ENTEBBE OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS RESULTING FROM SUPPORT HOPE HAS BEEN UNPRECEDENTED IN UGANDA. THE LANDING, NAVIGATION AND PARKING FEES FOR WHICH THE USG HAS BEEN INVOICED REPRESENT REASONABLE CONSIDERATION FOR REAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO OUR

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AIRCRAFT.

3. THE INVOICES ARE ISSUED BY THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY (CAA), WHICH IS A PARASTATAL THAT OPERATES ENTEBBE AIRPORT AS A COMMERCIAL ENTITY. PER PARA SIX OF REF (B), IMPLICIT IN THE U.S. POSITION ON THE PAYMENT OF FEES CHARGED TO STATE AIRCRAFT IS THE WILLINGNESS TO PAY LANDING AND PARKING FEES AT COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS, IF REQUIRED TO DO SO. ACCORDING TO THE CAA, THE GERMAN AIR FORCE AND THE CANADIAN MILITARY WERE BOTH ASSESSED SIMILAR FEES AND HAVE PAID. IN ADDITION, THE AMOUNTS INVOICED REFLECT A FIFTY PERCENT DISCOUNT OVER AMOUNTS NORMALLY CHARGED TO COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FROM THE MINISTER OF WORKS, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION TO CARRY OUT TARMAC REPAIRS AT ENTEBBE, EMBASSY HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING LETTER, UNDER COVER OF A DIPLOMATIC NOTE, TO THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, BASED ON

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INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE JTF/ENTEBBE FOLLOWING ITS ASSESSMENT OF TARMAC DAMAGE AT THE AIRPORT. (FYI, THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK PLANS TO COMMENCE SHORTLY A PREVIOUSLY PLANNED AIRPORT REHABILITATION PROJECT WHICH WILL INCLUDE TARMAC REPAIRS. THE DANISH MISSION HERE ALSO RAISED WITH US THE ISSUE OF TARMAC DEGRADATION DURING OPERATION SUPPORT HOPE, AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT TARMAC DAMAGE WOULD INCREASE THE COST OF THEIR PROJECT.) BASED ON CONVERSATIONS THAT EMBASSY AND JTF REPRESENTATIVES HAVE HAD WITH AIRPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS, EMBASSY DOES NOT/NOT BELIEVE THAT THE MINISTRY OF WORKS IS LIKELY TO PRESS THIS MATTER FURTHER.

BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER:

MR. AMBROSE AKANDONDA  
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION

DEAR MR. AKANDONDA:

I REFER TO YOUR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF USAID CONCERNING THE RESTORATION OF RUNWAYS AND TAXIWAYS AT ENTEBBE AIRPORT TO THEIR

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CONDITION PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF HUMANITARIAN  
RELIEF OPERATIONS EARLIER THIS YEAR.

SUBSEQUENT TO THAT MEETING, THE EMBASSY ARRANGED FOR  
A QUALIFIED U.S. AIR FORCE ENGINEER TO SURVEY THE  
RUNWAYS AND TAXIWAYS TO ASSESS ANY DETERIORATION THAT  
MAY HAVE OCCURRED DURING THE RELIEF OPERATION. THE  
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ENGINEER MET ON SEPTEMBER 9 WITH CYRIL RWABUSHENY,  
DIRECTOR OF AIRPORTS, AND ON SEPTEMBER 13 WITH MR.  
RWABUSHENY AND THE ENTEBBE AIRPORT MANAGER AND CIVIL  
ENGINEER.  
DURING THE SURVEY OF THE AIRPORT, THE ENGINEER  
IDENTIFIED SEVERAL AREAS WHERE TARMAC REPAIR WAS  
REQUIRED DUE TO ACTIVITIES OF OUR JOINT TASK FORCE.  
I UNDERSTAND THAT THESE AREAS HAVE NOW BEEN REPAIRED  
TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE AIRPORT ENGINEER.

WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS ABLE TO  
JOIN WITH UGANDA AND OTHER NATIONS TO DELIVER RAPID  
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN RESPONSE THE HUMANITARIAN  
DISASTER IN RWANDA. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE  
COOPERATION THAT WE RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF  
UGANDA, AND FROM THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY IN  
PARTICULAR.

CC: RUHAKENA RUGUNDA  
MINISTER OF WORKS, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

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